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PETITION TO CORRECT FILING DATE OF PATENT APPLICATION UNDER
37 CFR 1.10 (d)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition to correct a filing date discrepancy for the above-identified patent application. In particular, the "date-in" of the U.S. Postal Express Mail Label No. EL764777180US shown as 12/19/01 is incorrect. The attached Exhibit A is a copy of the incorrect Express Mail Label. Applicants submit that the actual date of deposit of the patent application with the U.S.P.S. by Express Mail was 12/18/01.

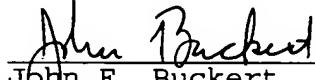
The Express Mail Label No. EL764777180US was placed on the "Utility Patent Application Transmittal" form for the above-identified patent application prior to the original mailing by "Express Mail." The attached Exhibit B is a copy of the transmittal form as filed. Further, on 12/18/01, during the time period of 1:00-4:30P.M. EST, the patent application identified by Express Mail Label No. EL764777180US was deposited by Angela Y. Singleton in an Express Mail Drop Box located at One Parklane Boulevard, Dearborn, MI 48126. Attached is a declaration by Angela Y. Singleton attesting to such facts.

The U.S.P.S. Office in Dearborn, MI received Express Mail Label No. EL764777180US on 12/18/01. However, the written "date-in" on the originally mailed Express Mail Label No. EL764777180US was incorrectly written as 12/19/01. Attached is a declaration of a U.S.P.S. representative attesting to such facts.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the filing date for the above-identified application be corrected from 12/19/01 to 12/18/01 since the actual date of deposit of the application with the U.S.P.S. by Express Mail was 12/18/01.

Please charge any cost incurred in the filing of this Petition, along with any other costs, to Deposit Account 06-1510. If there are insufficient funds in this account, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1500.

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